

# AUTHENTIC FORMS

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# The Blog

## 50 Art Blogs You Don't Want to Miss

Posted on 09. Feb, 2011 by Hillary Andrik + Theresa McGee in [All Posts](#), [Cool+Creative](#), [Educators in Art](#), In [The News](#)



We are excited that The Teaching Palette is listed in the recently published article [50 Awesome & Inspiring Blogs for Art Teachers!](#) Almost any art education topic of interest can be explored in the extensive list of art blogs categorized into six areas: helpful resources, project ideas, classroom blogs, secondary and higher ed, elementary and must-reads. Take a moment to explore some of our personal favorites such as [ArTechTivity](#).



## Vi Hart — Math Doodling

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## Mathematical Doodling

This is a series of videos about doodling in math class. Hopefully more info about the mathematics soon. For o click and select "save link as" (or something like that, depending on your browser). Feel free to show any of my

### Doodling in Math Class: Binary Trees







## Science News

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### Teen Bloggers Show Little Risky Behavior Online, Study Finds

*ScienceDaily* (Mar. 26, 2010) — An Ohio State University study of 100 teen bloggers from around the United States found that the vast majority use blogs to nurture relationships with their peers and build a sense of community -- rather than to admit misbehavior.

#### See Also:

##### Mind & Brain

- Child Psychology
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This preliminary study suggests that blogging could be used therapeutically to help troubled teens express themselves in positive ways, said Dawn Anderson-Butcher, associate professor of social work at Ohio State.

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# Life of Jake.

Sunday, February 20, 2011

## Discover Downtown Phoenix.

Throughout the past few days, I've been partaking in spontaneous photo jaunts around the Phoenix metropolis. Initially, I wasn't too impressed with the downtown scene. Appearing to be deprived of culture and void of human existence, the area struck me as eerie, dull and zombified.

These recent excursions, however, altered my perception. Explore the local record store and you'll expand your knowledge of and taste for musical culture. Get to know an independent coffee shop owner and you'll gain experience that can't be found in a popularized chain store. Gaze at the graffiti and you'll appreciate its artistic value and messages of growth.

Look beyond the conventional and you'll discover downtown Phoenix.

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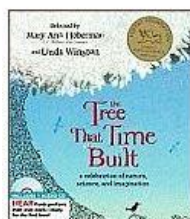
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### FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS

*EPILOGUE - EARTHQUAKE in JAPAN*

After World War II ended, and the occupation of Japan was over, people rebuilt their lives. The Japanese always remained exposed, however, to one constant danger. Their country's position, on ["The Ring of Fire,"](#) makes them vulnerable to earthquakes.

Japan is [prone to major earthquakes](#) because it is located near the boundary of the Pacific and North American [tectonic plates](#). Movement of those plates can cause the earth to shake - sometimes violently.

Why does this happen? [The process](#) (this helpful animation is from the BBC) has everything to do with how the earth is constructed. Tectonic plates can ["rub"](#) against each other. Those [movements](#) can dislocate segments of the Earth's crust (which is one [cause](#) of [earthquakes](#)).

*An earthquake is the vibration, sometimes violent, of the Earth's surface that follows a release of energy in the Earth's crust. This energy can be generated by a sudden dislocation of segments of the crust, by a [volcanic eruption](#), or event by manmade explosions. Most destructive quakes, however, are caused by dislocations of the crust.*

*The crust may first bend and then, when the stress exceeds the strength of the rocks, break and "snap" to a new position. In the process of breaking, vibrations called ["seismic waves"](#) are generated. These waves travel outward from the source of the earthquake along the surface and through the Earth at varying speeds depending on the material through which they move. Some of the vibrations are of high enough frequency to be audible, while others are of very low frequency. These vibrations cause the entire planet to quiver or ring like a bell or tawing fork.* (USGS, "How Earthquakes Happen.")

Tsunami [forming](#), on or near a [subduction zone](#) (where the plates come together), can cause one side to move up - then over - adjacent ground. Scientist believe [such an event](#) caused Japan's [massive 8.9 earthquake](#) on [March 11, 2011](#). (The last link is to live updates from the BBC.)

Beyond the [honors of the quake itself](#) - which occurred [at 2:46](#) in the afternoon (local time) - aftershocks typically follow. The combination of events can make it seem as though people are [on a wobbly road](#). Engineering techniques, however, continue to save many Japanese skyscrapers from destruction - causing them to [sway instead of fall](#).

Misery is compounded when the quake is a subduction event because a [tsunami](#) (this is another BBC animation) could follow. Often more deadly than a quake, tsunamis are

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## WE WOULD LOVE

## Bar The R-Word

Posted on February 14, 2009 by Angela

Last week, I was in Idaho at the Special Olympics Youth Activation Summit. Well, when I was there, we talked a lot about how people use the word "retard" in really insensitive ways. We talked about how it affects other people, how much it hurts, and most important, how to STOP this from happening.

The r-word hurts. Even though many people are trying to keep others from saying it, it's a big part of many kids' vocabulary. I remember when we did our first session on trying to stop it from spreading, a man in our group said that it's set in stone in our minds, and that some people say it without even trying to. I think that this is true, but horrible. I don't think that it has to be, it just is.

We also talked about how the r-word is supposed to be for doctors to use. That's how it was developed. It's not acceptable that we turned something for medical uses into something that is an insult.

The Special Olympics site is raising awareness by asking others to make videos, write songs, or speak to others about the r-word. There are a couple videos I liked. In the next few weeks, I'm going to be doing some work to "out the word" as my friend Noah's mom says. I'll let you know what I'm up to as I plan. In the meantime, tell me what you think kids can do to prevent others from using this word in such a negative way.

### The New R-word is Respe

The Weight of Words

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## FAQ

**How old are you?** I was born April 1996, and am currently 14 and a freshman in high school.

**Where are you from?** Chicago, IL.

**Why did you start your blog?** I'd been reading a number for a while, wanted to be part of the community where I could discuss a topic my friends weren't interested in, and to have a creative outlet to force myself out of dressing boringly.

**When did you start it?** March of 2008.

**How do we know it's legit?** I guess you don't! Writers who have met and profiled me were pretty convinced, though. This is an old discussion and I'm not sure what else I'm supposed to do to prove it. You can take it or leave it.

**Who takes your photos?** I do, using the self-timer on my Canon Powershot SD1300 IS and a tripod my dad used when he was in college and which miraculously survived the 70's. For information on the photos that aren't mine, see "contact & photos" in my sidebar to your right. No, your other right.



## The Movie

## The Filmmaker

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## ABOUT

**Virgin Voting™** is a short documentary created by 15-year old filmmaker Noah Gray to motivate young people to vote in the 2008 presidential election. In this film, Gray goes behind the scenes at presidential debates, forums, and events and interviews almost all of the candidates from both the Democratic and Republican parties, or their surrogates, and asks them to give "virgin voters" advice on how to choose their next President. He also interviews college students, who share their views on how they plan to go about choosing which candidate to vote for, as well as what issues are important to them. The film shows how 18- to 24-year olds have the power to elect the



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## A Day at The Fair

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Today I'm going to the fair! There is fun food and games! I love the rides! I like the ferris wheel , the roller coster , the merry go round , and tons more!!!! There is cotton candy, hot dogs , peanuts, ribs, hamburgs , and pizza. At the fair I hear kids screaming. I smell yummy food being made. I taste sticky cotton candy. I see people